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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM, IN, US, OVIP  
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: JOINT DECLARATION

REF: (A) NEW DELHI 17832, 17833, (B) STATE 288645

1. THE PRIME MINISTER TODAY MET PERSONALLY WITH THE  
FOREIGN MINISTER, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, AND AMBASSADOR  
PALKHIVALA TO CONSIDER A TEXT OF THE JOINT DECLARATION  
IN THE LIGHT OF PALKHIVALA'S CONVERSATION WITH BRZEZINSKI  
AND THAT OF OTHER INDIAN EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES WITH  
THORNTON.

2. WASHINGTON'S PREFERENCE FOR A CATEGORICAL LISTING  
OF HUMAN RIGHTS WAS GIVEN PARTICULAR ATTENTION. IN AD-  
DITION TO THE REASONS GIVEN IN MY EARLIER MESSAGE  
(NEW DELHI 17833), THE INDIANS HAVE TWO FURTHER REASONS  
FOR FEELING THAT THEIR DISCOURSIVE TREATMENT OF  
HUMAN RIGHTS (PARAS 3 (1) AND (3) BELOW) IS DISTINCTLY PREFEREABLE.  
(A.) A NUMBER OF THE PHRASES IN THE NSC'S LIST (REF B)  
--E.G., "A RIGHT TO EAT" -- MAKE NO SENSE WHEN TRANSLATED  
INTO HINDI. (B). THE NSC LISTING CONTAINS IMPORTANT  
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OMMISSIONS, WHILE A MORE COMPLETE LISTING WOULD BE  
LENGTHY AND CUMBERSOME.

3. THE REVISIONS APPROVED BY THE PRIME MINISTER ARE  
ENTIRELY CHANGES OF FORM AND ARE INCLUDED IN THE TEXT  
TRANSMITTED BELOW IN PARAS (1) TO (11). THE INDIANS ARE  
PREPARED TO CONSIDER SPECIFIC VERBAL IMPROVEMENTS THAT

WASHINGTON MAY WANT TO SUGGEST, BUT THEY HOPE THAT THE TEXT TRANSMITTED BELOW WILL BE ACCEPTED BOTH FOR STYLE AND SUBSTANCE. IF THEE ARE TO BE EDITORIAL CHANGES FROM OUR SIDE, MEA WILL BE GRATEFUL IF IT CAN GET THEM PROMPTLY. TEXT FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE

(1) INDIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DESPITE DIFFERENCES OF HISTORY AND CULTURE, ARE ONE IN THE RECOGNITION THAT THE ULTIMATE SANCTION OF POWER AND OF PUBLIC POLICY RESTS IN THE RESPECT FOR THE DIGNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE PURSUIT OF HIS WELL BEING. REGARDLESS OF RACE, RELIGION OR SOCIAL STATUS, EVERY HUMAN BEING IS ENTITLED TO LIFE AND LIBERTY, FREEDOM FROM WANT AND, WITHOUT THREAT OR COERCION, OF EXPRESSION AND WORSHIP;

(2) WE SHARE AN UNWAVERING FAITH IN THE DEMOCRATIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT, WHICH UNDER LAW GUARANTEES TO EVERY CITIZEN FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS AND THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE HIS REPRESENTATIVES AND TO DETERMINE HIS OWN FUTURE;

(3) WE BELIEVE, AT THE SAME TIME, THAT EVERY PEOPLE HAS THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND NATIONS THEIR OWN POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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ECONOMIC POLICIES. THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER WILL BE COOPERATIVE AND STABLE ONLY IF THE WORLD CAN BE MADE SAFE FOR DIVERSITY AMONG NATIONS;

(4) WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT THE PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION HAS DEMOCRATIZED THE INTERNATIONAL STATE-SYSTEM, GIVING MOST NATIONS FOR THE FIRST TIME AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL DECISION-MAKING;

(5) WE RECOGNIZE THAT BROAD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS ESSENTIAL FOR A MODERN STATE BUT SUCH PROGRESS RINGS HOLLOW IF ITS BENEFITS DO NOT REACH ALL SEGMENTS OF SOCIETY;

(6) WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT TO SECURE INTERNATIONAL PEACE, THE DISPARITIES IN THE ECONOMIC STRENGTH THAT EXIST AMONGST NATIONS MUST BE BRIDGED AND A NEW AND MORE EQUITABLE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER BE FASHIONED;

(7) WE AFFIRM THAT THE PRESENT DAY WORLD COMMANDS SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL SKILLS TO ENRICH THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND GIVE GREATER SOCIAL JUSTICE WITHIN

AND AMONGST NATIONS. THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS,  
RECOGNIZING THEIR INTERDEPENDENCE, MUST WORK TOGETHER  
TO PROTECT AND NURTURE THE COMMON HERITAGE OF EARTH'S  
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT;

(8) WE DECLARE THAT WAR IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE MEANS  
TO SETTLE POLITICAL DISPUTES. BOTH COUNTRIES WILL DO  
THEIR UTMOST TO RESOLVE AMICABLY DISPUTES WITH OTHER  
PARTIES AND, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS,  
HELP IN RESOLVING THE DISPUTES OF OTHERS;

(9) WE NOTE THAT THE SPECTRE OF WAR HAS HUNG OVER  
THE WORLD FOR TOO LONG. THE STOCKPILES OF NUCLEAR  
WEAPONS ALREADY IN EXISTENCE MUST BE REDUCED AND  
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EVENTUALLY ELIMINATED, AND THE DANGER OF PROLIFERATION  
OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS MUST BE ARRESTED. FURTHER, EVERY  
EFFORT MUST BE MADE FOR THE PROGRESSIVE REDUCTION OF  
CONVENTIONAL AMMUNITIONS AND THE REDIRECTION OF THE PRODUCTIVE  
RESOURCES SO RELEASED TO THE BETTERMENT OF MANKIND;

(10) WE AFFIRM THAT, BEYOND THE REALMS OF POLITICS AND  
ECONOMICS, THE WORLD TODAY AFFORDS OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
FREER AND FULLER INTELLECTUAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES.  
FREEDOM FOR IDEAS AND THE PROMOTION OF CULTURAL AND  
ARTISTIC INTERPLAY, IN A WORLD WHERE THE MIND IS WITHOUT  
FEAR, CAN CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHEREIN TOLERANCE AND  
UNDERSTANDING CAN FLOURISH.

(11). BEYOND THE TRADITIONAL IDEAS OF STATECRAFT, THE  
TWO NATIONS RECOGNIZE AN OBLIGATION TO THEMSELVES AND  
OTHERS THAT ENDS CAN NEVER JUSTIFY EVIL MEANS.  
NATIONS AS INDIVIDUALS ARE MORALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR  
THEIR ACTIONS. END QUOTE.  
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